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Hi Everyone,

As this year comes to a close, we all know that the CAWMC 2023 membership fee is also due. You will find the renewal form in this issue of Timber Talk. An organization is only as vibrant and strong as its members, so it is important that renewals and recruiting new members should always be the goals to keep the association strong.

It was great to catch up with Darryl Atchison at the Calgary Numismatic Society's Coin Show last month, Darryl lives in Ireland. He was able to add to his wooden money collection while he was here and enjoyed the stay with his parents, who live in Calgary.

For those who are still trying to find the clue on this year's R.C.N.A. convention woods, you should look at the time on the clock tower. You will see it shows 8:22. In the 24 hour time format, it displays 20:22.

Thank you to Dave Gillespie ON, a long time member, who has set-up a fund raiser for CAWMC, using dies originally created by Lou Vesh. Dave has completed 40 sets of woods, with 5 woods per set, with all the proceeds of sales to CAWMC. More information on this CAWMC fund raiser is found later in this edition of Timber Talk.

In closing, I want to remind everyone at on November 11th, we remember all those who have fought and died in the line of duty since World War I and continue to serve to this day. Remembrance Day, to me is a day to reflect on how fortunate we all are to live to live in a country that is strong and free. Do not forget to buy a Poppy!!

Cheers, ***James***

Featured Wood of the Month

Tim Saunders' wood

Tim Saunders joined the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors in 2014. Prior to joining the Association, Tim was a collector of many numismatic items including merchant tokens but did not include wooden tokens in his collection. Tim learned that many woods had similar attributes to the merchant tokens and while some were fairly common, others could be equally scarce as the metal tokens and that many other woods were given out freely for numerous reasons. Tim embraced the hobby, joining the Association, attending the annual meeting in Calgary in 2019 and issuing several personal woods.

Tim attended the Calgary Numismatic Society 2022 spring Coin Show and was disappointed when the club did not issue a show wood. He advised the idea of the free woods was the main element of collecting wooden tokens. He had the wood featured as a free wood made by Canada Wide Woods and arranged to have enough available for free distribution to members of CAWMC, as a welcome back from Covid. The buffalo featured on the wood represents another of Tim's collecting interests.

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Canada Wide Woods has issued a wood commemorating the passing of Her Majesty Elisabeth II.

The use of this die is offered free of charge to members of CAWMC.

Please contact James Williston at Canada Wide Woods for more information or to order.

Chips from the Woodpile …. *By Dave Gillespie*

Braebrook Cleaners issued a rare wood 'Good for 5 cents on your next order' and showed the address as Lakeview Shopping Centre in Pointe Claire (catalogue # 4720-005). Barry Uman found an article from a Montreal Gazette about the business very interesting and informed members that even though the wood was properly listed under Pointe Claire there were two other locations for the business in Kirkland and Beaconsfield.

The town of Settler, Alberta was founded in 1905 (known as the Heart of Alberta) and is located around 60 miles east of Red Deer. The town was named after a Swiss immigrant, Carl Settler, who founded the settlement. Three different woods, listed in our catalogue, were made and issued to celebrate the Town's 60th Anniversary in 1965. The Town of Settler turned 100 as did the Province of Alberta, both have Centennial Celebrations in 2005. C.A.W.M.C. member John Brennan once served as mayor of Settler.

It wasn't until 2013 that a 'Centennial 1867-1967' wood issued for the Township of East Wawanosh in Southwestern Ontario was discovered by Len Kuenzig in a Don Robb centennial collection. This very attractive and rare wood has been catalogued as # 5279-001some 46 years after being issued.

A headstone over a grave on the outskirts of Peace River, Alberta bears the following inscription: "Henry F. Davis – Born Vermont 1820 – Died Slave Lake 1893 – Pathfinder, Pioneer, Miner & Trader. While working as a baker in Barkerville, Davis dabbled in mining. Upon examining some rich claim, he decided that the stakers had overestimated their rights and he staked a 12 foot fraction between two claims. This 12 foot claim netted Davis $ 12,000.00. It was because of this claim that he became known as "12 Ft. Davis". The local Kinsmen Club issued a wooden nickel and sponsored a carnival known as "12 Ft. Davis Nites" held in his honour.

In the summer of 2013, Bill Cousins shared a story about a pencil maker who told one of his pencils 5 important lessons before putting it in the box: (1) everything you do will leave a mark; (2) you can always correct the mistakes you make; (3) what is important is what is inside of you; (4) in life, you will undergo painful sharpening, which will only make you better; (5) to be the best you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you. We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable encourages you to know that you are a special person, with unique talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are is what's inside of you. Thank you, Bill.

T*il next time …… Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave Gillespie*

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South Wellington Coin Society Anniversary Wood

by **Judy Blackman**, CAWMC LM, FONA, KStE-CDA/USA

Just as **South Wellington Coin Society** (SWCS) did for its 20th Anniversary in 2017, this year for its **25th** Anniversary a wood was issued at the Club's April 2022 meeting. The wood is virtually the same except for the date and which anniversary it's for. There is a minor adjustment to the positioning of Wellington's portrait, so it's not tipped back. The woods were produced in a quantity of 100 by Jim Smith of woodencoin.com. They are kill-beetle pine wood, that has been silk-screened, and then had a child-safe lacquer applied to keep the design from wearing off over time. Both woods were designed by me.

C.A.W.M.C. Fundraiser Woods for Sale:

Dave Gillespie ON, has produced series of five (5) woods, shown here, using dies made for Lou Vesh, sometime ago.

It was Lou Vesh who, many years ago, found these quotes by Lao Tzu (a mystic philosopher of Ancient China from the 6th Century B.C.) and had dies made for each saying. He set those dies aside, hoping to use them, with the sayings, on woods in the future. He never did get to making these woods. Sometime ago Ross Kingdon acquired the dies. Dave Gillespie took those dies and made (created) these five woods, to be used as fundraiser for CAWMC.

There are forty (40) sets available, and a set of five (5) woods can be yours at a cost of $ 10.00 plus $ 2.50 postage or two sets for $ 20.00 with C.A.W.M.C. paying the postage. All sale proceeds will be a donation to C.A.W.M.C. at the request of Lou Vesh. A huge THANK YOU to Lou!!!

CONTACT - France Waychison at france@waychison.com to order now and payment can be made by e-transfer at france@waychison.com or by cheque payable to C.A.W.M.C. and mailed to P.O. Box 2643 Station "M" Calgary AB CA T2P 3C1

Fundraiser Woods Obverses

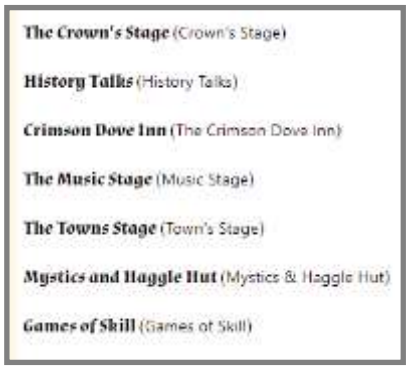
Watch your thoughts, for they become words
Choose your words, for they become actions
Understand your actions, for they become habits
Study your habits, for they will become your character
Develop your character, for it becomes your destiny

Fundraiser Woods Reverses

Crimson Dove Inn Woods

by **David (Rusty) Phillips**

The Crimson Dove Inn is a historical gaming group, with its own tent (set up nearby the Inn) within the overall entity, The *3Barons Renaissance Fair*, (held in Anchorage, the first weekend of June each year — although 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions). The 2021 Fair was held in later July with COVID-19 protocols followed. The *3Barons* has its own wood, and this event travels to various locations putting on the Fairs.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The Towns Stage (Town's Stage)
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Games of Skill (Games of Skill)

The Crimson Dove Inn group teaches historical medieval games (cards, dice games, spear and axe Throwing, Jacobs Ladder, tile games, mystic games like Bassette the game that toppled familial dynasties and nearly bankrupted Europe, and board games) from1650 and older. Wooden tokens are purchased for $2USD each and are used to "buy into" games. If a player wins, he or she gets a token returned for a free play. If a player does not win, he or she receives a token with a small hole punched through it, to thread it on a string. These holed tokens are included in the numbers noted below. The holed tokens have no value, but may be saved as a souvenir, or traded up for prizes, e.g., candy or toys. For five holed tokens, you can get a key chain. The token could be one of two issues: e.g., c/w a Dove outlined (2,500 produced in 2014), or, c/w a Dove of solid colour (2,000 produced in 2019).

My sincere *Thanks* to Jon Lang (aka Bearded Jon) for his willingness to answer my incessant questions. Truly appreciated!

2022 RCNA Convention woods

In Ottawa ON, this past July, the RCNA and the Ottawa Numismatic Society, the convention's host, designed a set of 8 woods, each measuring 44 mm, each of a different color, given at specific events during the convention. The obverses show the Ottawa numismatic Society logo. The reverses are black and show the RCNA logo. A total of 600 woods were issued, in different quantities, as shown below. Details concerning the number of types, colours, quantities, and distributions were, unfortunately, not made available to wooden token collectors until after the convention and few collectors acquired a complete set.

Color	Issued	Event
Copper	210	Registrants and other convention officials
Green	40	Educational Seminars
Red	60	Welcome Reception
Gold	50	Club Delegates Breakfast
Blue	45	CPMS Lunch
Purple	45	CAWMC Breakfast
Rainbow	40	Spousal/Partners Breakfast
Teal	110	Banquet

I / We wish to **JOIN** or **RENEW** my membership in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC). **Annual Dues are due before January 1st of 2023:**

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U.S. Funds International Resident *(outside Canada and United States)* $20.00 Canadian Funds

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